

Hope Community Church – Risk Assessment for use of Teversham C of E Primary
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God’s word encourages His people to keep meeting together (Heb. 10:25) and there is an expectation that we learn and grow best in community. We want to be careful about each other’s health and wellbeing and to take all suitable precautions while Covid numbers are still elevated. This risk assessment shows the things we’ll do to reduce risk when using the school. Recently the government has made wearing face coverings compulsory in places of worship, for those who are able to, so our risk assessment is updated in response. Please make sure you follow any instructions from leaders in the service.

Risks	How we’ll reduce the risks
<p>Spreading the virus within the group and to and from the school community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No-one should attend services if they are experiencing any Coronavirus symptoms (e.g. fever, new continuous cough, loss of taste or smell), if they have tested positive or been advised to self-isolate pending a test result. • Adults and children aged 11 plus, who are not exempt, should wear face coverings. • Hand sanitiser will be available, and we recommend using this on entry and especially before eating. • We will make sure that windows are open to maximise airflow - please wear something warm if it’s cold outside! • We’ll clean touchpoints (e.g. toilets, taps and doors) before and after the service. • We’ll spread people out as far as is practical with numbers. We recommend a maximum of 80 people in the school hall to avoid overcrowding. • Food and drink, when served, will be prepared and served in ways that minimise sharing of items e.g. individual portions of cakes served on napkins. Parents should supervise their children when obtaining food. • Disposable cups for hot drinks may be used, and we’ll pay particular attention to washing up in hot, soapy water or a dishwasher for crockery. • Bread and wine for the Lord’s supper will be available in a separate bowl for each household. • Church leaders are responsible for checking that numbers for the meeting are within the capacity of the hall, and that all attendees are aware of any recommendations. • It’s important for us to bear with each other and to recognise that different people will be comfortable with different levels of precautions. • If anyone develops symptoms following a service, they should follow standard procedure as directed by test and trace. • Attendees are encouraged to use their own Bibles when possible.
<p>Fire</p>	<p>The group should follow the usual fire safety procedures.</p>